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Ms. LaVerne Tate, Chairman
San Juan County Historical Commission
362 West 400 South
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Dear Ms. Tate:

Re: MiVida Mine, M/037/028, San Juan County, Utah

Thank you for your comments and frank discussions regarding reclamation options for the MiVida mine. The MiVida mine was the discovery mine for the Lisbon Valley uranium district, and served as a geological model contributing to the discovery of other sandstone uranium mines in the western USA. Its contributions to the economy of San Juan and Grand Counties cannot be understated, and some of its history should be preserved, and its story told again.

As I indicated, we have a rather unique opportunity to reclaim this site under the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining's regulations, but with the option of preserving some of the historically significant structures on site. Our approach will be to mitigate environmental and safety problems, while preserving some of the more scenic features of the McCormick Tunnel pad and associated areas. After we develop these options, I would like to present them to the San Juan County Commission, and to your Commission for comment.

Again, thank you for taking the time to visit this mine with us.

Sincerely,

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Associate Director, Mining

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